

Claims:

1. Use of manganese or a manganese compound in cleaning compositions whereby the manganese (compound) is bound to, associated with,  
5 surrounded by or comprised in at least one protein cluster, protein, protein fragment or peptide.
2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the manganese compound is provided in a form of a manganese proteinate.
- 10 3. Cleaning composition containing a manganese (compound) bound to, associated with, surrounded by or comprised in at least one protein cluster, protein, protein fragment or peptide.
- 15 4. Cleaning composition according to claim 3, wherein the manganese is provided in a form of a manganese proteinate.
5. Cleaning composition according to any of claims 3 or 4, wherein the cleaning composition is a machine dishwashing cleaning composition  
20 in the form of a tablet, a granulate or a powder.
6. Cleaning composition according to claim 5, wherein the tableted machine dishwashing cleaning composition additionally contains a bleaching agent whereby the manganese compound and the bleaching agent are provided in separate layers of the tablet.  
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7. Cleaning composition according to claim 6, wherein the granulated composition comprises a bleaching agent and a manganese compound wherein the manganese compound and the bleaching agent have no  
30 direct contact.